Degrees Available at SIUE
• Education Doctorate (EdD)

Program Format
Courses are offered in a flexible, blended/hybrid format. For the first four semesters of the program, students are required to meet on campus one evening per week, while also completing assignments online. The final two semesters of the program are primarily independent study. The program will typically take two years to complete.

Superintendent Doctorate at SIUE
SIUE’s School of Education, Health and Human Behavior offers the educational leadership program. The Department of Educational Leadership at SIUE offers two programs of study leading to the Education Doctorate (EdD) in educational leadership:
• Superintendent/district-level leadership option
• General school leadership option

The superintendent/district-level leadership option is for educators who have already completed a superintendent specialist degree program. Candidates focus on advanced study of district-level leadership, school law, politics, policy-making and research.

Admission Requirements
• Graduate School application and $40 fee
• Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
• Master of Science in education or its equivalent
  ◦ GPA of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale in graduate study
  ◦ Hold or have held a position requiring an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or equivalent
• A superintendent specialist degree (within the past 10 years)
• A superintendent’s endorsement
• Current resume that clearly indicates:
  ◦ Educational background
  ◦ Diversity of P-12 work experience
  ◦ Progression of P-12 leadership experiences.
• Three letters of reference from administrators or supervisors who have firsthand knowledge of the candidate’s professional work. Letters must address:
  ◦ Nature of the relationship with the applicant (at least one is current or past supervisor)
  ◦ Leadership experience
  ◦ Ability to work collaboratively
  ◦ Ability to impact schools to improve student learning
  ◦ Oral and written communication skills
  ◦ Potential to become a transformative educational leader.
• Written responses to three focus questions that consider the goals of the EdD program and preparation for doctoral study.

All requirements will be reviewed by a faculty admissions committee to determine the potential of the candidate to affect school district change.

Official transcripts must be sent electronically to siueapps@siue.edu directly from the institution or mailed to:
SIUE Graduate and International Admissions
Campus Box 1047
Edwardsville, IL 62026
**Application Deadline**
The priority application deadline for those already holding a superintendent endorsement is February 1. All other admissions are on a rolling basis.

**Graduation Requirements**
Qualifying examination for advancement to candidacy: The examination consists of essay questions that address course content. The exam is read by three faculty members and assessed for content and quality. Candidate must pass the examination to advance.

Final Capstone Research Project: The project requires an extensive written document that presents the results of the candidate’s research. An oral presentation and successful defense of the project before a committee of three faculty members is required for program completion. Planning the project occurs in EDAD 690 and the project is carried out, defended, and finalized in EDAD 698.

**Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees**
- 54
- Visit the Paying for College website for detailed tuition information

**Curriculum**
Twenty-four semester hours of graduate credit beyond the specialist’s degree are required for the EdD.

**Advanced Study and Research**
- EDAD 600 - Proseminar in the Superintendency
- EDAD 620 - Advanced School Law
- EDAD 660 - Politics and Policy-Making in Education
- EPFR 605 - Qualitative Inquiry-includes field study*
- EPFR 601 - Quantitative Inquiry
- EDAD 690 - Research Topics in Educational Leadership
- EDAD 698 - Doctoral Capstone Research Project (taken twice)

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